

# Delaware State Police Announce 2017 Trooper and Civilian Employee of the Year



2017 Delaware State Police Trooper and Civilian Employee of the Year award winners TFC Andrew Shaub and Mrs. Veronica Colombo pictured with Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr.

**Cheswold, DE-** At a ceremony held on Friday, April 20, 2018, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., announced the winners of the annual Trooper of the Year and Civilian of the Year awards.

## Trooper of the Year

Each year the Delaware State Police Executive Staff selects

one trooper for the Trooper of the Year Award. To be nominated, a trooper must exceed performance standards and be recognized by his or her peers as one who epitomizes the ***Core Values of the Division***, which are ***Honor, Integrity, Courage, Loyalty, Attitude, Discipline and Service.***

This year, ten Troopers were nominated for the award, and out of those worthy nominees, the Executive Staff selected ***Trooper First Class Andrew Shaub as the 2017 Trooper of the Year***, for his outstanding efforts and contributions to the Division and the citizens of the State of Delaware.



2017 Trooper of the Year Trooper First Class Andrew Shaub and Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr.

Tfc. Andrew Shaub is a 3 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  year member of the division, currently assigned to Troop 1, Penny Hill. Tfc. Shaub had a

spectacular year in both over-all production and in handling exceptional cases. Tfc. Shaub was also one of the top producers at Troop 1 during 2017 in traffic arrests, DUI arrests, criminal arrests, and complaints handled. Tfc. Shaub was also selected by the Headquarters Traffic Section to be a participant in the Division's DUI Mentoring Program and by the DSP Academy to be a Field Training Officer. Tfc. Shaub is a highly motivated Trooper, determined to make a positive impact in the community with his proactive style of police work.

### **Trooper of the Year Nominees**

TFC Dustin Hamilton, TFC Carolee Lenoir, Cpl/3 Rex Mears, TFC Charles Morris, TFC Andrew Osgood, Cpl/3 Jennifer Potocki, Cpl. Sean Rodrigues, Cpl/1 Dennis Shields, TFC August Zickgraf

### **Civilian of the Year**

Each year the Delaware State Police Executive Staff selects one civilian employee for the Civilian of the Year Award. Civilian employees who are nominated for this award display outstanding performance and meet the following criteria:

1. Exceptional service as identified by the employee's performance evaluations
2. A consistent record of such service through their years of employment
3. Recognition by their peers for outstanding character and integrity.

This year, seven Delaware State Police civilian employees were nominated for the award. The Executive Staff of the Delaware State Police selected ***Senior Victim Services Specialist, Mrs. Veronica (Roni) Colombo as the 2017 Civilian of the Year.***





2017 Civilian Employee of the Year Veronica Colombo and Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr.

Roni is assigned to the victim services section, with her office located at Troop 9 in Odessa. Roni has been employed by the Division for ten years; however, she was previously employed by The Ferris School for Boys for ten years giving her 20 years of overall state service.

The victim services section provides crisis intervention, information and referral services to crime victims, witnesses and family members for cases investigated by the Delaware State Police, as well as 35 other municipal police departments throughout the state. These cases are primarily related to suicides, homicides, fatal car crashes, robberies, sexual assaults and domestic violence incidents. Each year, Roni leads the way in the number of cases assigned to her, averaging over 800 cases per year. Roni has also been a key

partner in planning Annual events such as Domestic Violence Awareness, the Crime Victim Memorial Tribute, and Day of Remembrance for murder victims, and others.

### **Civilian of the Year Nominees**

Kevin Covey, Anthony DiNardo, Sonia Jonas, Jeffrey Miller, Nicole Sapp, Stacey Slover

In addition to the Trooper and Civilian of the Year Awards, 47 Troopers and 1 civilian, were awarded citations for Exceptional Performance, Life Saving, or Acts of Valor. The recipients for each award are listed below.

### **Exceptional Performance**

Cpl/2 Brett Creasy, Lt. Eric Hamm, Cpl/3 Craig Lewis, Cpl/3 Edward Sebastianelli, Cpl/2 Ted Stipa, Cpl/2 Jason Walker, Cpl/3 Scott Barnett, Cpl. Brian Crisman, Cpl/3 John Buckley, Cpl/2 Robert Cassidy, TFC Joseph Lucyk, Cpl/1 Joshua Marley, TFC Andrew Shaub, TFC Kelly Diaz, Trooper Christopher Solda, Cpl/2 Lewis Briggs, TFC Kathleen Koff, Detective Timothy Shockley, Cpl. Brock Adkins, Trooper Charles Morris, Cpl. Patrick Schlimer, Trooper Scott Burris, Cpl/3 Brian Greene, Sgt. Patrick Stock

### **Lifesaving**

Cpl/3 Kevin Szymanski, TFC Derek Balaguer, Cpl. David Castillo, Cpl. Nicholas Ciglinsky, TFC Laury Del Rosario, Cpl. Christopher Donaldson, Cpl. Bryan Jefferson, TFC Andrew Osgood, TFC Jonathan Scaramazza, Trooper Jordan Smith, Trooper Christopher Solda, TFC Logan Pavlik, Cpl/1 India Sturgis, Trooper Tyler Aiken, TFC Corey Bastianelli, Cpl. Michael Brent, Cpl. Ashley Stetser, Cpl. Andrew Hom, TFC Katrina Scaramazza, TFC Jessica Lang, TFC Carolee Lenoir, TFC Cheri Magda,

### **Valor**

Cpl/1 Stephen Ballard (Posthumously)

**Civilian Valor Award**

Miss Kejhyra Phillips



Civilian Valor Award Recipient Kejhyra Phillips and Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr.

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